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INDONESIAN COMMUNISTS

1. Indonesian Communist Party held
fifth congress in Djakarta 15 -22 March.

A. Received warm messages from
Sukarno and prime minister Ali.

1. Several key cabinet
members attended opening
session; expressed gratitude
for Communist support;
hoped it would continue.

2. Sentiment echoed by chair-
man of National Party.

B. Chief significance meeting
two-fold.

1. Confirmed October shakeup
of high command which now
dominated by youthful,
"Lenin-Stalin type" leaders.

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2. Adopted program clearly placing Moscow leadership above Peiping, although Chinese Communist influence discernible in agrarian aspects.
3. Vice President Hatta and other opposition leaders branded as virtual traitors and intention of eventual takeover from present regime clearly intimated.

III. Meanwhile, Indonesian defense minister reportedly planning to form "Irian division" in army.

- A. Would use members of Communist-controlled veterans organization.
- B. Also members of Commie insurgents (Bamboo Spears) who reportedly ordered by Communist Party to surrender and cease guerrilla activity.

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